

September 25, 2001

TO: Linda Lake, Chair  
State Board of Health

Mary Selecky, Secretary  
Department of Health

FROM: Ron Weaver, Assistant Secretary  
Health Systems Quality Assurance, Department of Health

SUBJECT: REVISION OF CHAPTER 246-360 WAC, TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS

The purpose of this memo is to provide information on the status of chapter 246-360 WAC, regulations for transient accommodation licensing, to facilitate decision making regarding rule making. Attached you will find a "Request to Revise" fact sheet that provides specific information regarding the issues surrounding this rule.

The department conducted the review of this chapter as mandated by the Governor's Executive Order on regulatory improvement. Through that review, the department identified the following issues that need to be addressed by or updated in the current rule:

- Safety and security requirements (e.g., door locks, emergency plans)
- Hazardous materials, such as methamphetamine production
- Unique situations for homeless shelters and rustic resorts
- Clarification of license coverage
- Overall readability of the regulations

Other issues may be identified as the rule development proceeds.

Department staff met with board staff in September, and are currently identifying constituents, stakeholders, and other DOH programs, such as Environmental Health, that will provide valuable input during the rules development process. The department would like the board to consider:

- Including this rulemaking proposal on the November SBOH agenda
- Either assigning a board member whom has interest in this rule as a sponsor or considering whether this rule should be delegated to the department
- Further policy development or decisions that should be considered for this rule.

If you should have any questions, please contact Ellen Haars, manager of the transient accommodations program at (360) 705-6686.

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